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James P. Farwell is an author and defense consultant who advises the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Special Operations Command on a range of global initiatives and actions, communication strategy, and cyber war.

He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Defense, including Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), Special Operations - Low Intensity Conflict, U.S. Special Operations Command, and U.S. Strategic Command.

For the Defense Science Board on Strategic Communications summer study in 2004, Mr. Farwell was the author of four of the five “products” and two of the four “programs” that DSB endorsed. Frequently invited to speak on Information Strategy and GWOT, including at the USSOCOM/USSTRATCOM FMA Conference; JIOWC; the J-7 War Plan division of JCS; the 2007 London IO conference; U.S. Army War College; US STRATCOM's conferences on Strategic Communication; the Joint Special Operations University; NATO's Advanced Research Workshop Science for Peace Program (organized by the UK Defence Academy); the Australia Security Research Centre's cyber security conference in Canberra in 2010 and 2011; and the 2011 general conference of the Council for Security Cooperation – Asia Pacific (CSCAP) on cyber war. In October, 2012, he will serve as Chairman for the Safeguarding Australia cyber security conference.

He serves as a Senior Adviser to the J5 of U.S. Special Operations Command (US SOCOM). He was a co-architect of SOVEREIGN CHALLENGE, a flagship program of SOCOM entailing outreach to the foreign military attaché and senior military officers in Washington. He advises on strategic initiatives and engagement. His work with the Strategic Engagement Division (J-54) conducts outreach to think tanks, foundations, and the academic community. For Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, he helped develop a new plan for Strategic Communication.

As an attorney, he was a partner at Chaffe, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy, specializing in business law and litigation for major national and international clients. He has served as Arbitrator for NYSE and American Arbitration Association, and a Mediator for American Arbitration Association.

He has international experience in handling political campaigns at the presidential level in handling campaigns for strategy and media. He has advised legislative candidates abroad, including United Bermuda Party; New Democracy Party (Greece); Lee Hoi Chang (Presidential, Korea); Antigua; and British MPs. In the United States, he has handled or advised as to strategy and media in campaigns for the U.S. Presidency, Senate, Governor, Congress and statewide offices.